GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FILMS ON DD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the films being shown on Television are not of that standard which can be seen by the whole family sitting together; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to promote our culture through Doordarshan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Doordarshan telecasts only those films and programmes which are suitable for family viewing. In order to ensure this, Doordarshan previews all its programmes before telecast, in accordance to the provisions of Broadcast and Advertisement Codes, so that they do not contain any undesirable violence and vulgarity. Moreover, only those films that are certified for Universal Screening by Central Board of Film Certification are selected for telecast on Doordarshan.

(b): It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes on its different kendras as well as the national network on various themes including Indian culture and heritage.